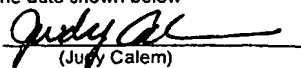


PCT/15032/7231501, 21062006

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U S Postal Service with sufficient postage via Express Mail, Airbill No.. EV 743 884 325 US, in an envelope addressed to MS PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below

Dated June 21, 2006

Signature


(Judy Calem)

Docket No.: 564462003900
D1530-9N
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Kevin A. GRAY et al.

Application No.: 10/532,944

Confirmation No.: 2689

Int'l Filing Date: October 15, 2003

Art Unit: 1642

For: AMYLASES, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING
THEM AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND
USING THEM

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

MS-PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 29 of this paper.